



September 2014

#### **Prez Sayz**

By Ron Roos, KJ6KNL

August's meeting was well attended. We started at the new time which is 7 PM. Our raffle was a 220 mobile radio won by Walter, KI6PBL.

Dick and Manuel showed slides and gave a talk on their trip to the ham fest in Dayton, Ohio along with a trip to the air museum. It was an informative presentation.

September's board meeting will be on the 4th and the regular meeting will be held on the 9th. Remember the auction which will be held October 4th.

Remember that we are approaching the end of the year a time for electing officer's and collecting of dues.

# Attention TARC Members

The next General Meeting is:

Date:

Tuesday, September 9th

Time:

7:00 PM

Location:

War Memorial, Turlock

# California Hams Activate to Support Shelter Communications Following Wildfire

The ARRL Letter, August 7, 2014

Amateur Radio volunteers in California's Tuolumne County assisted local emergency managers and the American Red Cross by supporting communication at a shelter in Groveland, set up in the wake of the El

Portal Fire in Yosemite National Park. The National Park Service reported that the fire got its start in the community of El Portal on July 26, and evacuations were ordered for Foresta and Old El Portal, area campgrounds emptied, and roads closed.

Tuolumne County ARES Emergency Coordinator Carl Croci, NI6Z, reported that several radio amateurs responded. A UHF and VHF repeater were cross-banded to cover the necessary expanse between Fresno, site of the Red Cross Headquarters, and the shelter site in Groveland.

Radio amateurs were able to stand down the following day after a 20 hour communications emergency. Eight pieces of traffic were handled. -- Thanks to Carl Croci, NI6Z, and Fresno County ARES EC/RACES Radio Officer Glen Caine. N6HEW









# Pacificon 2014

#### A REGIONAL ARRL CENTENNIAL EVENT - Celebrating 100 Years of ARRL

**Pacificon 2014**, celebrating 100 years of the <u>ARRL</u>, returns to the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel at 2700 Mission College Blvd in Santa Clara, California. The convention takes place Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Pacificon 2014 is the ARRL Pacific Division Convention, produced by the <u>Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC)</u>.

Pacificon gives you three great days of activities for one low cost: A full slate of outstanding Forum presentations about a wide range of amateur radio topics, a large Vendor Expo filled with exciting products and exhibits, an outdoor Swap Meet, great QRP activities, great Youth Activities including electronics kit building and soldering classes, a One Day Class to prepare you to pass the amateur Technician license examination and get your first amateur radio license, a chance to hear about and discuss important national amateur radio issues with top ARRL leaders, a chance to win great radios and other prizes throughout the convention, and perhaps the best part - a chance to interact and share information with lots of other amateur radio enthusiasts to further (or begin) your own knowledge and to advance the hobby.

For additional information and to register go to www.pacificon.org

## Ham Radio Aids in Rescue of Injured Colorado Hiker

The ARRL Letter, July 24, 2014

While Bill Eberle, AB0MY, of Boulder, Colorado, and his wife Mary were hiking in the back country on July 21, they encountered a team of paramedics rendering aid to a 67-year-old man -- Michael Schuett, of Broomfield, Colorado -- who had lost his footing while crossing a stream. Schuett had struck his head on a boulder and was found unconscious and face down in the water by another hiker, who had pulled him to safety. The paramedics, en route to a youth camp, also had stumbled onto the scene.

Lacking cell telephone coverage, Eberle put out a distress call on the hand-held transceiver he always takes along when he hikes. Promptly answering his call on the statewide Colorado Connection Repeater system was Ryan Frederick, KD0TSZ, in Colorado Springs. Frederick contacted the Boulder County Sheriff's office. Authorities quickly turned to Scott Whitehead, KA0QPT, of Longmont, a sheriff's department radio specialist and 30-year veteran of the Rocky Mountain Rescue Team. Whitehead was able to contact Eberle via the repeater network, and the two coordinated equipment and rescue personnel.

Schuett was evacuated from the scene, treated at an area hospital, and released. He credited ham radio for bringing the rescuers to him. -- Thanks to John Bigley, N7UR, Nevada Amateur Radio Newswire

# Turlock Amateur Radio Club Fall Auction

Time to recycle your gear?

# Saturday, October 4, 2014

Doors open at 8:00 AM Auction begins at 9:00 AM

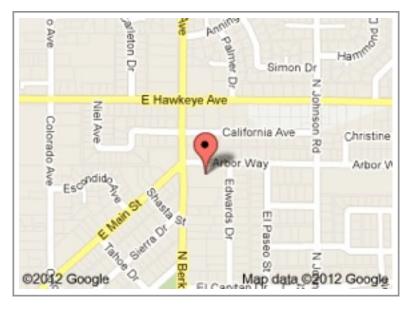
United Methodist Church 1660 Arbor Way Turlock, CA

#### HAM GEAR — TEST EQUIPMENT — SURPLUS TUBES

This promises to be an exciting and fun event that you don't want to miss.

Barn Burner Burgers, Chips & Drink for lunch.

Check <a href="www.w6bxn.org">www.w6bxn.org</a> for continual posting of the auction items. Contact Grady, K6IXA at <a href="gradyw\_@elite.net">gradyw\_@elite.net</a> for additional info. Be there for a great day of fun.



#### Here's how to get there:

Hwy 99 North from Merced: Take Golden State off ramp. Make a right on East Main Street. The church is at the corner of East Main and Arbor Way.

Hwy 99 South from Modesto: Take the West Main off ramp. Turn left at the bottom of the ramp onto West Main. West Main turns into East Main. Continue on East Main to the church located at the corner of East Main and Arbor Way.

## Turlock Amateur Radio Club General Meeting Minutes August 12, 2014

**Call to Order:** A general meeting of the TARC was held at the War Memorial, Turlock, California on August 12, 2014. The meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Ron Roos, KJ6KNL, presiding; Spencer Boyd, KJ6ART, Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Ron Roos, KJ6KNL.

**In Attendance:** Twenty-nine members and guests signed in.

**Arc-Over:** The deadline for the September Arc-Over will be August 15th.

**Approval of General Meeting Minutes:** Grady Williams, K6IXA, made a motion to approve the June General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Vaughn Wilson, K6IMN. Motion passed. Darren Nunes, K6RDJ, made a motion to approve the July General Meeting minutes. Seconded by Vaughn Wilson, K6IMN. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Smith, KG6VFL, presented his report.

**Vice President's Report:** Darren Nunes, K6RDJ, said the program will be on Manual and Dick's trip to the Dayton Hamvention.

**Merced County ARES:** Ken Stillwell, KF6IDK, reported that with the recent fires some on the surrounding ARES groups have been active.

**Repeater Committee:** A new router has been purchased for Mt. Bullion. Furthermore Ken, KF6IDK is checking on replacement batteries for Mt. Bullion.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

#### YOU ARE INVITED!

# **TO San Joaquin Valley Section's**



Date: September 20, 2014

**Location:** Salvation Army Citadel

1854 Fulton Street Fresno, CA 93721

**Events:** Swap Meet, Forums, Raffles & Chili Cook-off

**Sponsors: Email:** 

The Salvation Army, ARRL, Vendors & Clubs

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Only 60 days until Rally in the Valley!! We need speakers and presenters depicting Amateur Radio using APRS, MESH Networks, WinMore & WinLink, NBEMS and NVIS antennas. Please, anything you do is of interest. If you can and are willing to do a presentation let us know. Just send us a short description and your contact information. We will solve any requirements you have.

73; Dan AE6SX SM SJV

## **Upcoming Events 2014**

Coffee with the Hams	8:30 AM Saturdays	Merced Mall Food Court
TARC Board Meeting	September 4th, 6:00 PM	Latif's
TARC General Meeting	September 9th, 7:00 PM	War Memorial, Turlock
TARC Auction	October 4th	United Methodist Church, Turlock
Pacificon	October 10th - 12th	Santa Clara

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